

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTORS:	Ladden et al.	GROUP ART UNIT:	2419
APPLN. NO.:	10/670,063	EXAMINER:	Zhu, Bo Hui Alvin
FILED:	September 23, 2003	Confirmation No.:	5118
TITLE:	Distributed Automatically-Configuring Switching System		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2009 concerning the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following remarks, and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.